

Solutions to some, though not all, of the questions are provided here.

Q1. [Solution not provided]

Q.2 [Solution not provided]

Q.3 Solution:

(First part of question) When, as in this part, n is large it is permissible to take $\sigma = s$. Hence we can apply the "formula" for the 99% confidence interval of the population mean μ : $(\bar{x} - 2.58\sigma/\sqrt{n}, \bar{x} + 2.58\sigma/\sqrt{n})$. So, required interval = $(12.9 - 2.58(3.2)/11, 12.9 + 2.58(3.2)/11) = (12.15, 13.65)$

(Second part of question) In this part, the sample size is small so that $(\bar{x} - \mu)/(s/\sqrt{n}) \sim t_{n-1}$, that is, $T_8 = 3(12.9 - \mu)/3.2 \sim t_8$. So we need β such that $P[-\beta < 3(12.9 - \mu)/3.2 < \beta] = 0.99$. Equivalently, we have

$1 - P[3(12.9 - \mu)/3.2 < -\beta \text{ or } 3(12.9 - \mu)/3.2 > \beta] = .99$ or $P[3(12.9 - \mu)/3.2 < -\beta \text{ or } 3(12.9 - \mu)/3.2 > \beta] = 0.01$. Hence, from Table 7 of notes, $\beta = 3.355$. Therefore, we have

$$P[-3.355 < 3(12.9 - \mu)/3.2 < 3.355] = 0.99.$$

$$\text{Hence, } P[(-3.355)(3.2)/3 < 12.9 - \mu < (3.355)(3.2)/3] = 0.99 \Rightarrow$$

$$P[12.9 - (3.355)(3.2)/3 < \mu < 12.9 + (3.355)(3.2)/3] = 0.99 \Rightarrow$$

$$P[9.32 < \mu < 16.48] = 0.99.$$

Q.4 Solution:

First calculate the sample mean and variance, $\bar{x} = \Sigma x_i/10 = 18.345$ and $s^2 = \Sigma(x_i - \bar{x})^2/9 = 8.087$.

(First part of question) In this part, the sample size is small and σ is unknown so that $(\bar{x} - \mu)/(s/\sqrt{n}) \sim t_{n-1}$, that is, $T_9 = (\sqrt{10})(18.345 - \mu)/\sqrt{8.087} \sim t_9$. So we need β such that $P[-\beta < (\sqrt{10})(18.345 - \mu)/\sqrt{8.087} < \beta] = 0.95$. Equivalently, we have

$$1 - P[(\sqrt{10})(18.345 - \mu)/\sqrt{8.087} < -\beta \text{ or } (\sqrt{10})(18.345 - \mu)/\sqrt{8.087} > \beta] = .95 \text{ or}$$

$P[(\sqrt{10})(18.345 - \mu)/\sqrt{8.087} < -\beta \text{ or } (\sqrt{10})(18.345 - \mu)/\sqrt{8.087} > \beta] = 0.05$. Hence, from Table 7 of notes, $\beta = 2.262$. Therefore, we have

$$P[-2.262 < (\sqrt{10})(18.345 - \mu)/\sqrt{8.087} < 2.262] = 0.95.$$

Hence, $P[(-2.262)(\sqrt{8.087})/\sqrt{10} < 18.345 - \mu < (2.262)(\sqrt{8.087})/\sqrt{10}] = 0.95 \Rightarrow$

$P[18.345 - (2.262)(\sqrt{8.087})/\sqrt{10} < \mu < 18.345 + (2.262)(\sqrt{8.087})/\sqrt{10}] = 0.95 \Rightarrow$

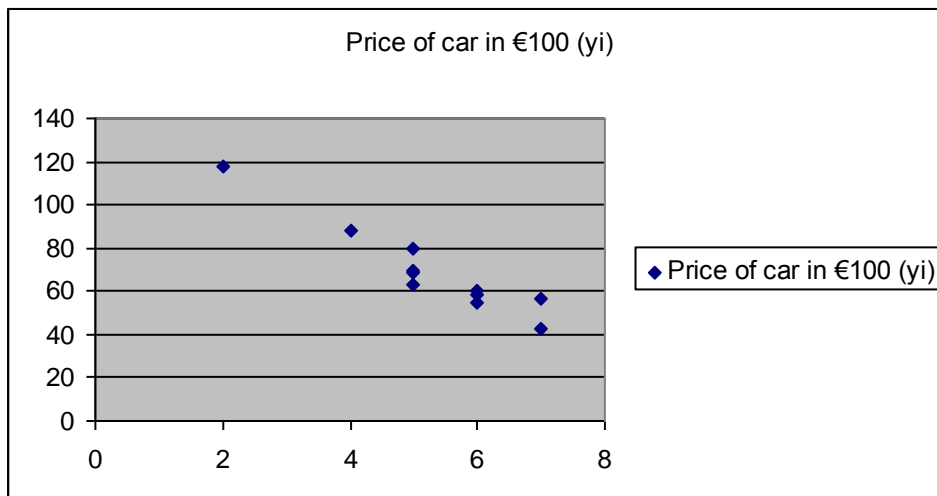
$P[16.31 < \mu < 20.38] = 0.95$

(Second part of the question) Here, σ is known so we can use the "formula" for the 95% confidence interval of the population mean μ : $(\bar{x} - 1.96\sigma/\sqrt{n}, \bar{x} + 1.96\sigma/\sqrt{n})$. So, required interval = $(18.345 - 1.96(3)/\sqrt{10}, 18.345 + 1.96(3)/\sqrt{10}) = (16.49, 20.20)$.

Q.5 [Solution not provided]

Q.6 Solution:

(a) A scatter plot [Obviously would need to be done by hand in an exam):



From this plot a linear relationship does seem plausible.

(b) To compute the regression line one must apply the formulae

$$b = \frac{n \sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i - (\sum_{i=1}^n x_i)(\sum_{i=1}^n y_i)}{n \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 - (\sum_{i=1}^n x_i)^2}, \quad a = \bar{y} - b\bar{x}, \quad r = \frac{n \sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i - (\sum_{i=1}^n x_i)(\sum_{i=1}^n y_i)}{\sqrt{(n \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 - (\sum_{i=1}^n x_i)^2)(n \sum_{i=1}^n y_i^2 - (\sum_{i=1}^n y_i)^2)}}$$

As in the lecture notes it is easiest to lay the calculations in tabular form. The formula for r is needed for part (b) but it's simplest to include its elements in the table also.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	Sums	Means
x_i	5	7	6	6	5	4	7	6	5	5	2	58	5.3
y_i	80	57	58	55	70	88	43	60	69	63	118	761	69.2
x_i^2	25	49	36	36	25	16	49	36	25	25	4	326	--
x_i	400	399	348	330	350	352	301	360	345	315	236	3736	--
y_i													
y_i^2	6400	3249	3364	3025	4900	7744	1849	3600	4761	3969	13924	56785	--

Hence

$$b = \frac{n \sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i - (\sum_{i=1}^n x_i)(\sum_{i=1}^n y_i)}{n \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 - (\sum_{i=1}^n x_i)^2} = \frac{11(3736) - 58(761)}{11(326) - (58)(58)} = -13.7$$

$$a = \bar{y} - b\bar{x} = 69.2 - (-13.7)(5.3) = 141.4$$

Hence, the estimated price

for a 3 year old car is $141.4 - 13.7(3) = 141.4 - 41.1 = 100.3$

and

for a 5.5 year old car is $141.4 - 13.7(5.5) = 66.1$.

[Note: Check calculations!]

(c) The correlation coefficient is

$$r = \frac{n \sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i - (\sum_{i=1}^n x_i)(\sum_{i=1}^n y_i)}{\sqrt{(n \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 - (\sum_{i=1}^n x_i)^2)(n \sum_{i=1}^n y_i^2 - (\sum_{i=1}^n y_i)^2)}} = \frac{11(3736) - 58(761)}{\sqrt{(11*326 - 58*58)*(11*56785 - 761*761)}} = -0.957$$

Hence, $r^2 = 0.916$ which implies that 91.6% of the variation in price is accounted for by the age.